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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Please add my strong support for opening the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. As a previous member of the Nuclear Chemistry Review Committee at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, I am keenly aware of the careful research that has gone into the characterization and selection of this site. Though I'm not an ardent supporter of nuclear power, maintenance of this technology is essential to the long-term well being of our country. The events of the past week heighten the urgency of preserving our nuclear power capabilities and the Yucca Mountain Waste Repository is an essential part of that capability.

Sincerely,

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